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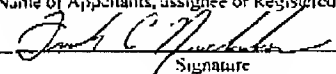
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Case No. AUS920010765US1  
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In re patent application of:	)	
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VIKTORS BERSTIS	)	Examiner: PANNALA, S. R.
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Serial No.: 09/997,916	)	
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Title: FILE MAINTENANCE ON A	)	
COMPUTER GRID	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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To Whom It May Concern:

In response to a First Non-Final Office Action dated April 26, 2004, the Applicant  
responds as follows:

July 26, 2004  
Case No.: AUS920010765US1 (9000/75)  
Serial No.: 09/997,916  
Filed: November 29, 2001  
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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present response replies to a First Office Action dated April 26, 2004. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the present application. Examiner Pannala rejected claims 1-20.

In the First Office Action, Examiner Pannala asserted the following actions to pending claims 1-20:

- A. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 16-17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Brien et al. (USPN 6,351,776) and in view of Millard (USPN 6,122,738).
- B. Claims 3-5, 8, 13-15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Brien et al. (USPN 6,351,776) in view of Millard (USPN 6,122,738) and further in view of Cane et al. (USPN 6,101,507).

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112.